

DRAFT SAVINGS PROPOSAL

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24

Proposal Title:	Transformation of Regulatory and Enforcement Functions
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Reference:	SAV / ALL 001 / 21-22	Savings Type:	Service transformation
Directorate:	Cross-Directorate Health, Adults & Community and Place	Savings Service Area:	Central services
Directorate Service:	Community Safety / Public Realm	Strategic Priority Outcome:	3. People access joined-up services when they need them and feel healthier and more independent
Lead Officer and Post:	Ann Corbett, Divisional Director, Community Safety Dan Jones, Divisional Director, Public Realm	Lead Member and Portfolio:	Cllr Asma Begum, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Youth and Equalities

Financial Impact:	Current Budget 2020-21	Savings/Income 2021-22	Savings/Income 2022-23	Savings/Income 2023-24	Total Savings/Income
Budget (£000)	3,000	-	(300)	-	(300)

Staffing Impact (if applicable):	Current 2020-21	FTE Reductions 2021-22	FTE Reductions 2022-23	FTE Reductions 2023-24	Total FTE Reductions
N/A	70	-	(6)	-	(6)

Proposal Summary:

Transformation of Environment and ASB enforcement functions – consolidation of management, operational and support functions

There are a number of regulatory and enforcement functions relating to the management of the public realm that are carried out across two directorates but which are effectively seeking to achieve the same outcomes – a borough that is clean and green and one in which people feel safe and ASB is tackled.

Within the Public Realm and the Community Safety divisions there are a number of functions that carry out similar roles including:

Public Realm

- Enforcement of waste and litter control
- Highways abuse, obstructions and permits
- Market and street trading enforcement
- Graffiti, fly-boarding and fly-posting
- Dog fouling

Community Safety

- Anti-social Behaviour case work and tasking
- ASB Enforcement Patrols, inc. PSPO and Responsible Drinking (THEOs)

Across the 2 divisions there approximately 70 staff who carry out what can be described as an enforcement function. It should be noted that many of the roles also carry out community engagement and preventative functions. A rationalisation of management and operating functions could deliver savings of £300k.

It is proposed to consolidate these functions and roles within the Public Realm function to sit alongside a tasking function and the operational services such as waste, street cleansing, parks (grounds maintenance) & environmental health.

SAVINGS PROPOSAL – BUDGET EQUALITY ANALYSIS SCREENING TOOL

Trigger Questions	Yes / No	If Yes – please provide a brief summary of how this impacts on each protected characteristic as identified in the Equalities Act 2010. This will need to be expanded in a full Equality Analysis at full Business Case stage.
Does the change reduce resources available to address inequality?	No	
Does the change reduce resources available to support vulnerable residents?	Yes	
Does the change involve direct impact on front line services?	No	
Changes to a Service		
Does the change alter who is eligible for the service?	No	
Does the change alter access to the service?	No	
Changes to Staffing		
Does the change involve a reduction in staff?	Yes	
Does the change involve a redesign of the roles of staff?	Yes	

Summary:	
To be completed at the end of completing the Screening Tool.	
Based on the Screening Tool, will a full EA will be required?	Yes

Additional Information and Comments:
None